

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, September 20, 2007 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (104 new fires)  
 New large fires: 3 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 3  
 Uncontained large fires: 8  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3  
 Fire Use Teams committed: 0

\*\* Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. \*\*

**Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 5  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Cascade Complex**, Boise NF. IMT 2 (Suwyn). Twenty-seven miles east of Cascade, ID. Timber. Smoldering and surface burning. Structures, power lines, cultural sites and historical cabins threatened. Road closures in effect. Light precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday with snow at higher elevations.

**East Zone Complex** (4 fires), Payette NF. NIMO (Gelobter). NIMO is also managing the Big Creek portion of the Krassel Complex WFU. Twenty-five miles northeast of McCall, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday with snow at higher elevations.

**Hog**, Dixie NF. Twelve miles northwest of Escalante, UT. Timber and grass. No further information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Cascade Complex	ID	BOF	302,376	0	28	UNK	638	-85	15	24	10	5	51.9M	FS
East Zone Complex	ID	PAF	300,022	0	NR	9/30	390	-37	7	13	1	13	31.9M	FS
* Hog - WFU	UT	DIF	449	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
Krassel Complex – WFU	ID	PAF	85,700	-540	N/A	N/A	21	-3	1	0	1	0	2.8M	FS
Big Creek – WFU	UT	WCF	1,050	0	N/A	N/A	14	0	1	0	0	0	41K	FS

WCF – Wasatch-Cache NF

### **Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 7  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

**Butler 2**, San Bernardino NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). Eight miles northeast of Running Springs, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Road closures in effect.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Butler 2	CA	BDF	14,039	0	93	9/20	1,997	-349	54	104	17	3	7.0M	FS
Angel	CA	MVU	837	-13	100	---	479	-746	13	22	2	24	4.1M	ST

MVU – Monte Vista Unit, CAL FIRE

### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 11  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 3  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Rattlesnake**, Nez Perce NF. IMT 2 (Grant). Twenty-five miles south of Elk City, ID. Timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Jocko Lakes**, Flathead Agency, BIA. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (McNitt) back to local unit tomorrow. Twenty-six miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Timber with dead and down lodgepole pine. Creeping and smoldering.

**Conger Creek**, Lolo NF. Twenty miles north of Ovando, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area closures in effect.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Rattlesnake	ID	NPF	102,000	0	25	10/1	115	-12	1	2	0	8	17.5M	FS
Jocko Lakes	MT	FHA	36,388	0	95	10/1	150	-26	2	2	0	8	29.5M	BIA
Conger Creek	MT	LNF	25,118	1	0	UNK	12	0	0	0	0	0	856K	FS
* Stubble	MT	FBA	1,051	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BIA
Mann	ND	FBA	750	0	100	---	28	0	0	11	0	1	NR	BIA

MT-FBA - Fort Belknap Agency, BIA

ND-FBA – Fort Berthold Agency, BIA

**Northwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 10  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Domke Lake Complex**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Thirty-six miles northwest of Chelan, WA. Timber with dead and down fuels. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Domke Lake Complex	WA	OWF	12,150	0	35	UNK	50	-17	1	2	2	1	11.7M	FS

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 4  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Big Cottonwood**, Pike and San Isabel NF. Seven miles south of Coaldale, CO. Timber with dead and down fuels. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Big Cottonwood	CO	PSF	122	---	0	UNK	10	---	0	0	1	0	NR	FS

**Southwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 3  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

**Roosevelt**, Grand Canyon NP. Previously reported WFU incident. Thirteen miles northeast of Grand Canyon Village, AZ. Ponderosa pine with heavy dead and down fuels. Wind driven fire behavior. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Roosevelt -WFU	AZ	GCP	4,800	---	N/A	N/A	12	---	1	1	0	0	140K	NPS

## Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 6  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Sheep Creek – WFU	NV	ELD	2,400	-100	N/A	N/A	80	0	2	8	1	0	52K	BLM

ELD – Ely Field Office, BLM

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Dry, windy weather is expected over portions of the Great Basin today. Showers are on tap for northern and central California with a cool onshore flow in southern California. The Northwest and Idaho will be generally dry with scattered showers for Montana.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **Backfiring Or Burnout Operations**

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
  - Lookouts are posted.
  - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
  - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyons may require extra holding forces.

### Fires And Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	2	1			6	1	10
	ACRES	368	746			2	1	1,117
Northern California	FIRES				1	5	2	8
	ACRES				0	13	0	13
Southern California	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					0		0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	1			3	6	11
	ACRES	1	0			2	1	4
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			2	1	5
	ACRES		173			10	0	183
Western Great Basin	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					0		0
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						2	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1	2	4
	ACRES		0			0	32	32
Eastern Area	FIRES					4	3	7
	ACRES					6	3	9
Southern Area	FIRES	1				42		43
	ACRES	1				278		279
TOTAL	FIRES	4	5	0	1	76	18	104
	ACRES	370	919	0	0	311	39	1,639

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	3	30	38	18	351	7	447
	ACRES	3	2,447	61,359	696	404,672	2	469,179
Northwest	FIRES	298	272	47	38	1,829	1,002	3,486
	ACRES	60,108	261,571	82,508	327	153,550	224,824	782,888
Northern California	FIRES	191	44	5	33	2,080	649	3,002
	ACRES	214	532	105	33	80,220	123,994	205,098
Southern California	FIRES	61	132	15	33	3,421	626	4,288
	ACRES	2,476	9,773	36	2,443	22,592	308,435	345,755
Northern Rockies	FIRES	959	84	19	14	1,036	972	3,084
	ACRES	60,886	61,215	810	2,536	324,924	556,812	1,007,183
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	50	656	4	48	829	693	2,280
	ACRES	24,752	1,109,066	9	7,192	319,514	942,829	2,403,362
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	438	7	25	205	90	768
	ACRES	60	563,992	38	379	225,115	105,421	895,005
Southwest	FIRES	671	150	9	77	712	1,458	3,077
	ACRES	13,253	1,808	1,540	674	198,597	46,035	261,907
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	915	569	15	33	586	473	2,591
	ACRES	3,321	9,127	569	315	48,823	13,940	76,095
Eastern Area	FIRES	486		66	30	10,311	549	11,442
	ACRES	8,461		1,374	527	141,607	46,112	198,081
Southern Area	FIRES	413		103	76	34,864	895	36,351
	ACRES	20,884		344,324	67,525	833,061	162,058	1,427,852
TOTAL	FIRES	4,050	2,375	328	425	56,224	7,414	70,816
	ACRES	194,418	2,019,531	492,672	82,647	2,752,675	2,530,462	8,072,405

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>66,367</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>5,938,036</b>

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### Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1,000					1,000
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						100	100
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1,987	1,987
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		500				1	501
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						18	18
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	3	4
	ACRES	0	1,500	0	0	0	2,106	3,606

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					20,650		20,650
Northwest	FIRES	25	62	29	3		371	490
	ACRES	9,765	19,168	5,760	98		32,668	67,459
Northern California	FIRES		3	8	9	41	194	255
	ACRES		175	19,979	14	4,664	11,412	36,244
Southern California	FIRES		4	10	11	6	90	121
	ACRES		180	3,011	514	77	9,512	13,294
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	21	83	8	54	227	395
	ACRES	438	3,834	19,882	459	1,825	24,926	51,364
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	5	22	7	5	14	59	112
	ACRES	2,164	7,351	2,302	448	9,249	17,058	38,572
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9	5	5		1	20
	ACRES		4,069	1,415	3,507		166	9,157
Southwest	FIRES	55	68	11	20		1,075	1,229
	ACRES	9,565	17,658	2,876	4,530		56,338	90,967
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	40	38	99	12	32	106	327
	ACRES	4,556	16,774	23,874	3,759	3,807	34,976	87,746
Eastern Area	FIRES	45		327	36	1,510	142	2,060
	ACRES	15,836		48,510	4,241	94,805	35,570	198,962
Southern Area	FIRES	29		310	71	14,925	899	16,234
	ACRES	20,321		125,793	62,769	949,600	883,969	2,042,452
TOTAL	FIRES	201	227	889	180	16,586	3,164	21,247
	ACRES	62,645	69,209	253,402	80,339	1,084,677	1,106,595	2,656,867

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### WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		22	18	15	3		58
	ACRES		39,045	57,943	29,188	542		126,718
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						452	452
Northern California	FIRES				3	1	4	8
	ACRES				1	1	12	14
Southern California	FIRES				20		6	26
	ACRES				454		92	546
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1		74	75
	ACRES				1		86,341	86,342
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				5	0	47	52
	ACRES				24	75	139,691	139,790
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		3,531					3,531
Southwest	FIRES		1	5	1	37		44
	ACRES		10	5,472	149	29,782		35,413
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		11	2		8		21
	ACRES		387	0		69		456
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
Southern Area	FIRES				16		3	19
	ACRES				2,228		3,888	6,116
TOTAL	FIRES	0	40	18	67	5	184	314
	ACRES	0	42,973	57,943	37,368	767	260,328	399,379

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-to-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-to-DATE
British Columbia	38	262	1,588	29,033
Yukon Territory	0	0	101	45,460
Alberta	5	0	1,215	103,162
Northwest Territory	0	0	184	445,439
Saskatchewan	0	0	366	212,865
Manitoba	2	1	374	206,929
Ontario	1	0	1,083	40,605
Quebec	1	0	887	343,370
Newfoundland	3	0	85	11,267
New Brunswick	0	0	286	446
Nova Scotia	1	0	396	690
Prince Edward Island	0	0	6	18
National Parks	0	0	76	222,138
Total	51	263	6,647	1,661,423

\*\*\* Last report for the 2007 season. \*\*\*

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